



Series: Live by Faith Together

Title: Real People with Real Power

Scripture: Romans 16:1-27

2026 Theme Verses *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **Romans 15:5-7***

February Scripture Memory: *"I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive." **Romans 16:17-18***

1. The church is REAL people in a REAL place. (vs. 1-15)
 - a. The church is a personal organism not a public organization.
 - b. The church is a family not a foundation.Do you know people's lives and testimonies well enough to tell them to others?
Do others in the church know your life and testimony and life well enough to tell it to someone?
2. The church that serves and does not please itself will be welcoming and wise. (vs. 16-18)
 - a. We can be welcoming and avoid divisive people at the same time.
 - b. Divisive people will either repent or move on.
 - c. It is not your job to change divisive people, that's the Holy Spirit's job. Our job is to lovingly avoid them.
3. The church that gets their endurance and encouragement from the Scriptures and each other will be a discerning and disarming people. (vs. 19-23; 15:4,13)
 - a. We must be excellent at what is good and innocent of what is evil.
 - b. The God of peace will crush Satan under the feet of the churches.
4. The gospel is the power of God to save, sustain, and strengthen all who believe. (vs. 15-27; 1:16-17)

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